



# M&DPS Newsletter January 2025



Dear Members

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and have kept well. In case you need inspiration I found these winter photography ideas on Amateur Photography.com

1. **Photograph a Sunrise** - check up the time of the next sunrise (the BBC website has this information) and set out early enough to enable you to get to your viewpoint half an hour before the sun rises. Once there, set up your camera on a tripod and wait. When the sun starts coming up take plenty of shots and bracket your exposures to increase your chances of success.

2. **Photograph Frost** - you'll have to get up early to catch it before it burns off. Frost-covered landscapes can look amazing but you don't have to travel great distances to find subjects. Try frosty windows or garden plants. Cobwebs can look great and you can find these anywhere.

3. **Shoot a Photo Project About Your Local Community** - you could focus on the buildings the people or a combination of both. There doesn't need to be a time limit on this project, indeed it could be the start of a life's work, but its value in years to come could be enormous.

4. **Create a Photo With Shallow Depth of Field** - as an exercise try to create a photo with really shallow depth of field. You'll need a lens with a fairly wide maximum aperture, and ideally a telephoto focal length. Getting in close will also narrow your depth of field.

Looking forward to seeing you on 9th January for our first competition of 2025 – Print: Industrial.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

Viv, M&DPS Chair

## Club Dates - more details over the page...

**3rd Jan 2025 Entry deadline** for Industrial Print Comp image titles & a digital copy of the image should be sent to the print secretary

**9th Jan 2025 Print Competition**  
'Industrial' 19:30-21:30 Judge – Alex Corton

**18th Jan 2025 Colchester Zoo**  
Field 10.00-14.00

**23rd Jan 2025 Talk - Macro Insect Photography** – Barbie Lindsey

**24th Jan 2025 Entry deadline** for PDI Comp Open Mono images

**30th Jan 2025 PDI Competition - Open Mono** - Judge - Chrissy Hart

## M&DPS Christmas Meal

Big thank you to Samantha for organising the lovely Christmas meal last month.

The room was really well set out. The food was excellent. Great choice of venue, thank you Viv for the suggestion.

Congratulations to Amanda Bancroft, Harold Mousley and Brian Moyse who won the wonderful looking hampers. A

big thank you to Harold for his very entertaining & funny stories and Dave Edwards for his closing jokes. Special thanks to Viv for helping with the hampers & to Brian for keeping track of all the payments. The raffle raised £133.00. Thank you to all who donated prizes.

**Competition: Print – Industrial**  
**Thursday 9th Jan 2025 19:30 to 21:30**  
Judge – Alex Corton

**Entry deadline Friday 3rd January**

Photographs should be of industries, whether manufacturing or service. Examples could be heavy engineering, power generation, farming, fishing, furniture manufacture, weaving to name a few.

- image titles and digital copy should be sent to the print secretary by this date. Just a gentle reminder to please make sure that the JPEGs for images submitted for print competitions are also emailed to the competition email address (photo.madps@gmail.com) using the same rules as for PDI competitions.

<https://e-voice.org.uk/manningtreeanddistrictphotographicsociety/calendar/item/53282166>

**Field Trip:- Colchester Zoo**

**Saturday 18th Jan 2025, 10:00 to 14:00**

Colchester Zoo is a zoological garden situated near Colchester, England. The zoo opened in 1963 and celebrated its 60th anniversary on 2 June 2023. The zoo is home to many rare and endangered species, including big cats, primates and birds as well as many invertebrates and fish species. Colchester Zoo will become a charitable trust known as Colchester Zoological Society from 1st January 2025 -

<https://www.colchesterzoologicalsociety.com>

<https://e-voice.org.uk/manningtreeanddistrictphotographicsociety/calendar/item/53282172>

**Barbie Lindsay: Macro Insect Photography**  
**Thursday 23rd Jan 2025 19:30 to 21:30**

Barbie will be sharing her passion for macro insect photography. She is one of the founder members of the Beyond Group which was started in 2005.

Barbie loves to produce a variety of styles of photography, one she specialises in is macro natural history.

<http://www.beyondgroup.info/barbie-lindsay.html>

<https://e-voice.org.uk/manningtreeanddistrictphotographicsociety/calendar/item/53282200>

**Competition: PDI – Open Mono**  
**Thursday 30th Jan 2025 19:30 to 21:30**  
Judge – Chrissy Hart

**Entry deadline Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

1. All images to be saved in the following format:

Colour space – sRGB

File format - jpeg saved at its finest setting.

Name file as “image name - photographer name” i.e. Pink Rose - Dick Barton

Please note there is a space either side of the hyphen Image size - maximum 1600 pixels wide or 1200 pixels high.

Please note: Portrait images are a maximum of 1200 pixels high

2. 2 PDIs maximum per member, per competition. Images should be sent to the PDI secretary no later than the Friday prior to the day of competition (see programme for dates).

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